tastes and preferences of the consumers and movements of goods in a particular area.

Banking Service Commission

1924. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banking Service Commission has been constituted;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Chairman and Members of the Commission;

(c) whether any meeting of the Commission has been held; if so, when; and

(d) whether any appointments of bank officers have been made so far by the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

National Savings Certificates

1925. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of deposits mobilised through the 6th and 7th series of National Savings Certificates scheme for the financial years ending 31-3-84 and 31-3-1985; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the share of the State Governments out of the above as an incentive for higher collection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The gross sale of National Savings Certificates VI Issue and National Savings Certificates VII Issue during the financial years 1983-84 and 1984-85 was as under:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	NSC VI Issue	NSC VII Issue
1983-84 . . .	1445·37	204·33
1984-85 . . .	2337·97*	261·02*

*Provisional

(b) No, Sir.

Setting up of Export Development Fund

1926. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to set up an Export Development Fund in the near future; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): There is already fund known as Market Development Assistance (MDA) for providing assistance for efforts directed towards stimulating and diversifying our export trade.

Bid for Projects in African Countries by Export Import Bank

1927. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Export Import Bank of India proposes to increase its involvement in African countries; and

(b) if so, whether India will bid for projects funded by the World Bank and I.D.A. and supply machinery and equipments etc. to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has reported that it proposes to increase its involvement in African countries, especially in projects funded by multi-lateral agencies such as World Bank and African Development Bank. Exim Bank has also reported that, depending upon the merits of each case, it would actively consider supporting bids by Indian Companies for such projects.

Sanction to Maharashtra Government for Cotton Export

1928. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state what is